

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 USUN N 05573 302205Z

67

ACTION IO-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 AF-04 ARA-06 EA-06 NEA-06 RSC-01

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-05 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 MC-01 ACDA-05 /093 W

----- 042194

R 302102Z NOV 74

FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8038

INFO AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

USMISSION NATO

USMISSION GENEVA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE USUN 5573

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PARM UN SY SW

SUBJ: SYRIAN RES ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES

REF: STATE 261163 NOTAL

1. AT LAST FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING ON DISARMAMENT NOV 27 TWICE
REVISED SYRIAN RES ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS PASSED
81 (INCLUDING SWEDEN) - 0 - 25(US) EIGHT EUROPEAN COMMUNITYDELS
PRESENT, CANADA, AUSTRIA, NORWAY, TURKEY, ISRAEL, JAPAN,
AUSTRALIA, SOVIET BLOC EXCEPT ROMANIA AND CUBA).

2. FINAL REVISION OF RES RESTORED AS THE LAST PREAMBULAR PARA
"DEEPLY DISTURBED AT THE CONTINUING USE OF NAPALM AND OTHER
INCENDIARY WEAPONS" AND CHANGED OPERATIVE PARA 1 TO READ
"CONDEMNS THE USE OF NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS IN
ARMED CONFLICTS IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE IT MAY AFFECT HUMAN
BEINGS OR MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND/OR NATURAL
RESOURCES." LATTER CHANGE WAS TO MEET OBJECTION OF CYPRUS
WHICH HAD COMPLAINED THAT FIRST REVISION COVERING ONLY HARM
TO PERSONNEL WOULD NOT COVER ALLEGED DESTRUCTION BY NAPALM
OF CYPRIOT CEDAR FORESTS. SYRIAN REP EXPRESSED SPECIAL
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 USUN N 05573 302205Z

GRATITUDE TO SWEDEN FOR ITS "CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE"

COOPERATION IN DRAFTING THE FINAL TEXT.

3. SWEDEN AND IRAN EXPLAINED THEIR FAVORABLE VOTES BEFORE THE VOTE. SWEDEN, USING A JUNIOR OFFICER TO SPEAK, WAS CLEARLY EMBARRASSED BY THE RES AND BY THE EVIDENT POLITICAL COMPULSION IT FELT TO SUPPORT IT. THE SWEDISH REP SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE DRAFT RES GOES FURTHER THAN ANY PREVIOUS RES ON THE SUBJECT SUPPORTED BY SWEDEN, HE WOULD VOTE FOR IT. HE CALLED THE RES COMPLEMENTARY TO THE ONE SWEDEN SPONSORED, IN THE SENSE THAT IT OFFERED A "POLITICAL" CONDEMNATION OF NAPALM WHEREAS SWEDEN'S RES FOCUSED ON NEEDED LEGAL ACTION. IN RE-STATING SWEDEN'S OWN POSITION, HE SAID "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE FINDINGS SO FAR HAVE CONFIRMED THE INITIAL SUSPICION THAT INCENDIARY WEAPONS ARE STRONG CANDIDATES FOR A TOTAL BAN ON USE AND FOR SUBSEQUENT POSSIBLE BANS ON PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND PROLIFERATION."

4. AFTER THE VOTE A LARGE NUMBER OF EXPLANATIONS WERE MADE, WHICH DEGENERATED INTO A COUNTERPOINT OF ACRIMONIOUS CYPRUS VS TURKEY AND SYRIA/USSR VS ISRAEL EXCHANGES ON CURRENT USE OF NAPALM, WHICH FINALLY HAD TO BE HALTED BY CHAIRMAN ORTIZ. SOVS BEGAN THE POLEMICS IN ORDER TO SOFTEN THEIR ABSTENTION ON AN ARAB INITIATIVE, AFTER FIRST GIVING THEIR TRADITIONAL VIEW (SECONDED BY POLAND AND GDR) THAT NAPALM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY CCD. FINLAND AND INDONESIA SAID THEY DID NOT MEAN THEIR VOTES TO PREJUDGE OUTCOME OF FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS ON NAPALM CONTEMPLATED BY SWEDISH RES. CUBA SAID USE OF NAPALM ON MAN-MADE AS WELL AS NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SHOULD BE CONDEMNED. MALI SAID UNQUALIFIED CONDEMNATION IN ORIGINAL SYRIAN DRAFT WAS BEST. ITALY SAID IT ABSTAINED BECAUSE PROBLEM REQUIRED FURTHER STUDY. US USED MATERIAL PROVIDED IN REFTEL TO EXPLAIN ABSTENTION.

5. IN CONSULTATIONS WITH PRINCIPAL ALLIES AFTER RECEIPT OF REFTEL, US DEL FOUND ALMOST NO SENTIMENT FOR JOINING US IN A NEGATIVE VOTE. UK DEL MAY HAVE MADE A LAST-MINUTE RECOMMENDATION TO LONDON TO JOIN US IN VOTING NO, BUT FCO STUCK TO ITS ABSTENTION INSTRUCTIONS, AND THERE WAS A SUCCESSFUL EFFORT AMONG THE EC-9 TO MAINTAIN VOTING UNIFORMITY. SCALI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DISARMAMENT, NAPALM, UNGA RESOLUTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 30 NOV 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MorefiRH
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974USUNN05573
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740348-0247
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t1974111/aaaaaabi.tel
Line Count: 99
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 261163 NOTAL
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 JUN 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <11 DEC 2002 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SYRIAN RES ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES
TAGS: PARM, SY, SW, UN
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005